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## \*\*\* Media Advisory \*\*\*

## **Employment Hearing Scheduled**

Washington, D.C. – Senator Bob Bennett (R-Utah), chairman of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC), announced today a hearing on "The Employment Situation" scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on March 7, 2003. The hearing will follow the release of the February unemployment rate, and will include a review of U.S. labor markets, unemployment benefits and the President's proposal for re-employment accounts.

**WHAT:** JEC hearing on "The Employment Situation"

**WHO:** 1st Panel on "The Employment Situation Report for February 2003"

Kathleen P. Utgoff, Commissioner

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

2<sup>nd</sup> Panel on "Improving Assistance for the Unemployed"

Mason Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary

Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

Don Parsons, Professor of Economics

George Washington University

Other witnesses TBA

**WHEN:** 9:30 a.m., Friday, March 7, 2003

WHERE: Room 628, Dirksen Senate Office Building

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